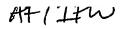
OX _ 14_ 06





Express Mail No. EV475142944US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: ROTH et al.

Group Art Unit: 3733

Serial No.: 10/774,272

Confirmation No.: 7311

Filed: February 6, 2004

Examiner: James L. Swiger III

For: BONE FIXATION SYSTEM

Attorney Docket No.: 8932-876-999

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed May 11, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8.